

PPI Software Release 6.1: Notes for PERSACT Changes

1. STATUS CODE CHANGES:

- a. The Date Fields of Status History only contains the hours and minutes. The seconds are being stored as 00. When performing queries, we are unable to determine the sequence of the statuses entered on the same date, hour and minute. **The date fields were corrected to store the hours, minutes and seconds in status history tables in the database. The seconds are not visible in the Status History Screen.**
- b. The system is not allowing users to change nor delete system generated dates when updating status history neither is it allowing the entry of date2. The system is locking up and no further action could take place. **The erroneous lock that was placed on the status dates has been corrected and editing now permitted.**
- c. The User reports that when updating the current status field while in edit mode, if you select an entry and then decide to cancel, the system will not let you. It gives the error: "date must be entered in 'mmddyy' format and must be valid". **The problem with the Cancel procedure was corrected.**

2. BATCH COORDINATION:

- a. User indicates that using batch coordination is hectic, because the sort order for the main PERSACT window is different than the order displayed in the batch coordination option. **Application was changed to retain the same sort order of the in-box in "batch coordination" and "batch print".**
- b. A problem with duplicate route numbers that occurred when a user batch-coordinated a request number selecting 'ROUTE TO YOUR DEFAULT ROUTING' and a previous 'non' default coordination had been added by another user. **Determined problem and fix the coordination area.**

3. PERSACT REPORT CHANGES:

- a. Users reported when trying to produce the in-box, locator or tracking report the system was not responding. The problem was happening when the parameter "proposed effective date" was selected. This was caused due to ORACLE database upgrade included in release 6.0. **Additional code was added in the procedure to correct problem.**
- b. When requesting PERSACTION reports and entering the report range using dates between "1999" and "2000", the system is not recognizing the year "2000" as being greater than "1999". Report range procedure corrected to include "Y2K" logic.

- c. Pulling up the reports listing SF52s, in the status code block the last name of the individual is appearing. Problem occurred because the system was storing the name of the creator of the SF52 in case of loss of connectivity. Corrected and included in this release.

4. PRINTING PROBLEMS:

- a. The User is having trouble printing multiple realignment in PERSACT. The problem was determined to be with both the mass realignment and time off awards. Both have been corrected.
- b. The SF52 approving official and approval date are not printing on the by name listing for a multiple award. The print procedure was corrected.

5. DISPLAY PROBLEMS:

- a. The state and zip code contained in part E, block 5 does not appear on the printed SF52. The form was corrected to properly print the state and zip code in part E, block 5.
- b. A bug currently allows a manager to view an employee's DOB through the view SF52 in Track. Corrected the application to not display DOB if user's role is a manager.
- c. The type supplement on the German Local National form for Personal Supplement is incorrectly displaying the value of "PS" rather than "FU". Form corrected to properly display the correct value of "FU".
- d. The type supplement on the German Local National form for Meister is incorrectly displaying the value of "KT" rather than "SX". Form corrected to properly display the correct value of "SX".
- e. When creating a SF52 on an acquisition demo employee (demo location code "Q") the form is displaying the traditional pay plan and grade rather than the demo pay plan and broadband. This procedure was corrected to display demo pay plan and broadband when the demo location code is equal to a "Q".

6. Y2K PROBLEMS:

The User can not edit a SF52, receiving a "PROCEDURE FILL_FORM" error. Problem occurred when the attempt was made to save a date field (dt_wgi_due) that was not Y2K compatible. Application corrected to save this date properly.

7. OTHER CHANGES:

- a. The User reports that when doing a name change, NOA 780, the system is not changing the name to the new name. Determined what the problem was in the form and corrected it.
- b. When the Italy form contained a '0' for part time hours, it would not allow the form to save any new information (i.e. authorizing info). The form was changed to allow for input of "0" for part time hours.
- c. In Tracking, when list is selected on either "All" or "Open" Actions, user receives Trigger Error: "Unable to read list of values". Problem was caused when an out of sequence Default Coordination is inserted into the route. Modified program to correctly sequence a 'Default Coordination' into the current route.
- d. After submitting an action to DCPDS, the system is hanging up and the response is not being received. When a user transmits a transaction to DCPDS, the PTI Module initiates a timer to query the database every 5 seconds to check for a response. When the timer is working, the 'PENDING RESPONSE' text will be blinking. If the 'PENDING RESPONSE' text is not blinking (in some rare cases), the response will not be automatically retrieved. Capability provided for user to force a query for the response by periodically suppressing the 'STATUS' button. Additionally, when a transaction is submitted to DCPDS and the DCPDS is not responding, normally it is because the FU being addressed has not been "OPENED" or the "ADS IS DOWN". Capability added to capture these comments and provide to user.
- e. Receiving an ORACLE "FILL FORM" Error when attempting to edit a SF52 (Army). Problem caused because User was allowed to enter 30 characters into Block 42. However, the Application was only able to handle 20 characters internally. Modified SF52 module to increase the size of the internal variable from 20 to 30 characters to accommodate the editing of the form when the size of 'Part42' is greater than 20 characters.
- f. The system is truncating the value of Fractional Hours, DIN ALM from two characters to one character. Problem corrected and included in this release.